

# TOWN HALL

Energy, Environment,  
Agriculture, and PA-06  
Updates



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN

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REPRESENTING THE 6TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

# AGENDA

- 6:30 – Our Norms
- 6:35 – Staff Introductions
- 6:40 – Services
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# MEETING NORMS

- We will...
  - Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
  - Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda
  - Encourage full participation by being concise when we speak
  - Address conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
  - Ask questions when in doubt
- Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

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# STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

- Sue Walker – District Director
- Aaron Thomas – Constituent Advocate (West Chester)
- Noah Levine – District Scheduler + Constituent Advocate (West Chester)

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# HOW WE CAN HELP

- Assist with obtaining **federal benefits** including VA and SSA
- Assist with other federal agencies (resolving a dispute with the IRS, getting a visa for a relative, etc.)
- Assist with **arranging tours** of certain DC landmarks, including the U.S. Capitol Building
- Fly **U.S. flags** over the U.S. Capitol in honor of someone
- Assist with **service academy nominations**
- Provide **internships** in PA or DC to PA-06 college students (stipends available for Pell grant eligible applicants)
- Join our **veterans history project**

# NEARLY 6 MONTHS ON THE JOB

- We had almost **40,000** interactions with the community
- We answered **24,000** emails and **3,000** letters
- We fielded **3,700** phone calls
- We closed nearly **350** casework files
- We have returned **\$507,000** to constituents

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# MY COMMITTEES

- Small Business Committee
  - Innovation and Workforce Development Subcommittee
- Armed Services Committee
  - Readiness Subcommittee
  - Intelligence, Emerging Threats, & Capabilities Subcommittee
- Foreign Affairs Committee
  - Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, & International Organizations Subcommittee
  - Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation Subcommittee

# MEMBERSHIPS

- **New Democrat Coalition**, Freshman Leadership Rep
- **For Country Caucus**, Vice Chair and Co-Founder
- **Servicewomen and Women Veterans Congressional Caucus**, Founder and Chair
- **Freshman Working Group on Addiction**
- **Gun Violence Prevention Task Force**
- **LGBT Equality Caucus**
- **Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition**

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# UPDATE FROM WASHINGTON

- Nearly 300 bills passed including:
  - H.R.1 – For the People Act, an **important government corruption and election reform** package
  - Bills to defend protections for people with **preexisting conditions** and **reduce the cost of prescription drugs**
  - **Historic background check legislation**, the first time in 20 years that the House passed major gun control legislation

# ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, & AGRICULTURE UPDATE

- Bills Passed
  - The **Climate Action Now Act**, my amendment would require the President to use diplomacy to encourage other parties to the Paris Agreement to reach their individual goals
  - **John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act**, signed into law March, 2019

# ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, & AGRICULTURE UPDATE

- Bills Cosponsored
  - The **Climate Solutions Act**, requires 100% of electricity sold in the U.S. come from renewable sources by 2035
  - The **Restore Our Public Parks and Lands Act**, reduces deferred maintenance backlog of our National Park Service and other federally-managed outdoor spaces
  - The **National Heritage Area Act**, ensures sustained funding for National Heritage Areas. There are eight in PA, including those around the Schuylkill and Susquehanna rivers.



# ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, & AGRICULTURE UPDATE

- Other Work
  - Hosted **USDA Secretary Perdue** in Kennett Square to talk about the impact of trade and workforce issues facing our agricultural industry
  - Toured **dairy and mushroom farms** to learn more about their challenges and the important work they do for our community
  - Working on a solution to a **workforce shortage** issue for year-round agricultural industry
  - Worked with producers to address **lags in EPA licenses** during government shutdown



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# SHARE YOUR STORIES

- Please raise your hand to share a story about:
  - Agriculture in our community
  - Energy and the Environment
- Please keep your comments brief so that we can hear from many of you!

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# GENERAL QUESTIONS

- Please write your questions on the comment card and pass them to a staff member
- If we don't get to your question, we will respond to it via e-mail

# STAY IN TOUCH

**Website:** [www.houlahan.house.gov](http://www.houlahan.house.gov)

- Request assistance with a Federal agency
- Request a tour or flag flown over the Capitol
- Schedule a meeting with me or a member of my team
- Subscribe to our newsletter
- And much more!

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